



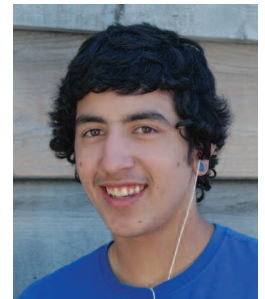
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Greetings!



This past summer has just been crazy for us, crazy good and at the same time crazy bad. Let me talk about the crazy good first. If you would have told me that some of our older Care House kids (almost adults), and one Care House parent would be going to a school that focuses on the gospel and biblical teachings this fall semester, I would have told you: “no way”. Or that Care House is in the process of getting some of our high school students’ scholarships to Christian Schools; I may have told you to: “get out of here” (just joking). Or that our program has expanded once again this summer, and that more and more kids are being changed for Christ. Well, honestly I would have been blessed by just that one and realized that God is continuing to move in our ministry. But now for the crazy bad; if you would have told me we would be dealing with how to protect our kids against human trafficking, or that our kids are being put in situations on a weekly basis where they are fearing for their own safety, I would have responded: “NOT ON MY WATCH”. Or that statistically, as of this date and by an overwhelming majority, more of our kids have already been abused physically or sexually than have not within our group, I would have said; “no way”. Or that needy families are eating out of dumpsters, my response would have been; “that will never happen”.

Here is the part that concerns me the most. If there were such a thing as a ‘numbing juice’, I would swear that most people have been sprayed by it. If something good happens for the Kingdom, most people at best respond with a dry ‘oh cool’ or a stale smile. If someone gets saved, it is not a ‘jump for joy’ anymore. I remember the day when people would be happy when the news of one person getting saved would travel from Christian friend to friend. Or if someone became victorious in their life over a struggle, people were sincerely pleased for them. Not today. If I didn’t know better, I would think some evil being has sprayed us all with his evil numbing concoction and we cannot react as we should. Or maybe the phrase ‘distractions of the world’ is a plausible reason. I am not sure which it is. But here is the saddest news of all, our kids are being attacked on every level and there are not enough Christians to respond and go to battle on their behalf. Times are so sad my dear friends; but, I am of the mind that the ‘crazy’ Good News reassures us that God is in control and that we, you and me, are the true answers to the ‘crazy’ bad happenings.



So, here it is. Young girls being persuaded that if they want to eat they will choose prostitution; our answer to that scenario - absolutely not going to happen! Children going without because we are trapped inside our own world and cannot see the need - no way! My friends, the choice is clear. We must break free from the numbing concoction and let the evil forces that surround our children know with a strong and clear response that: WE CARE and we are not going to allow these things to continue to happen on the streets of our city any longer. Join us. Pray. Give of your resources, or your time, or your talent. And tell a friend. We can, and will, overcome these days and press on with the ‘crazy’ Good News and not be brought down by the ‘crazy’ bad happenings any longer.

In Him,

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